Effect of open sky policy on passengers traffic

5204. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the passengers traffic growth in Indian Airlines has declined abruptly due to "open sky" policy initiated by Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines daily carried on an average, 21,426 passengers in 1992-93, 21,601 passengers in 1993-94 and 20,853 passengers in 1994-95.

Dangers from Slaughter House to Flying Aircrafts

5205. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether unauthorised slaughter houses in Delhi particularly in the vicinity of airports are a source of continuing danger to the flying aircrafts; and

(b) if so, what measures Government propose to take to remove all such slaughter houses from the Capital?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) There is no unauthorised slaughter house in the vicinity of Indira Gandhi International airport. However, unauthorised slaughtering is reported occasionally. To overcome this problem periodic inspections are carried out by the Director General of Civil Aviation alongwith the concerned authorities and necessary action initiated as per the provisions of Aircraft Rules.

Flying clubs in Madhya Pradesh

5206. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of flying/gliding clubs functioning in Madhya Pradesh at present and what are the names of the places where these clubs are situated;

(b) what is the number of aeroplanes and gliders available with them at present;

(c) what is the amount of annual subsidy/assistance provided to each of these clubs during the last three years; and

(d) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to establish any gliding/flying club in Jashpur?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Madhya Pradesh Flying Club is the only subsidised Flying Club in Madhya Pradesh which was established in 1951 at Indore. A branch of this club was set up at Bhopal in 1958. At present, the club has five aircraft. In addition, a private flying club, named Udan Research and Flying Institute started functioning at Indore in 1990. This club has six aircrafts. There is no gliding club in this State.

(c) The amounts of subsidy provided to Madhya Pradesh Flying Club by the Central Government were Rs. 7.49 lakhs in 1992-93, Rs. 11.87 lakhs in 1993-94 and Rs. 18.61 lakhs in 1994-95. No subsidy was provided to the private club.

(d) No, Sir.

Assessment of Air India's ability to manage more planes

5207. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India is purchasing more Boeing 747-400 planes;